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TAGS: BTIO, ETRD, CS
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD ELECTRIFICATION

REF: CONGER/EICHER TELCON 4/13/78

1. ON APRIL 2, FERROCARRILES DE COSTA RICA, SUBSIDIARY OF CODESA, THE GOCR DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, ISSUED CALL FOR BIDS BY MAY 2 FOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF 100 KILOMETERS OF RAILWAY. TENDER INCLUDES 8-12 ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES AND CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY.

2. GENERAL ELECTRIC, SUPPORTED BY COMATT, AND FIVE OTHER COMPANIES, REQUESTED EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE. COMATT LEARNED TODAY THAT CLOSING DATE HAS BEEN UNOFFICIALLY REPEAT UNOFFICIALLY EXTENDED
TO JULY 2. EXTENSION IS NOT OFFICIAL
UNTIL IT IS PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE. EMBASSY WILL INFORM ASA THIS OCCURS.

3. ESTIMATED VALUE: US$50.0 MILLION. PRICES QUOTED MUST BE VALID FOR 90 DAYS FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OF CLOSING DATE. BIDDERS MUST OFFER THEIR OWN FINANCING PACKAGE. COMPANY OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT NO INTERNATIONAL FINANCING INSTITU-TION HAD BEEN APPROACHED RE FINANCING. PARTICIPATION AND
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AQERFORMANCE GUARANTEES OF FIVE PERCENT OF THE OFFER AND THE AWARD, RESPECTIVELY, ARE REQUIRED. PROMPT DELIVERY IS FACTOR IN WINNING THIS BID.

4. CONTACT: ENRIQUE APARICIO M., PROVEEDOR, FERROCARRILES DE COSTA RICA, S.A., APARTADO 10096, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, PHONE 26-00-11.

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5. FERROCARRILES DE COSTA RICA IS THE RESULT OF A MERGER OF THE TWO RAILROADS OPERATING IN CR: THE PACIFIC, WHICH IS ELECTRIC; THE ATLANTIC, WHICH IS DIESEL. THE COMPANY RECENTLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THE MODERNIZATION, BUT NOT ELECTRIFICATION, OF THESE TWO LINES.

6. POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS: MAY 2 BID CLOSING DATE MAY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPT BY OUTGOING GOVERNMENT TO GET PROGRAM STARTED BEFORE MAY 8 CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL PROBABLY REVIEW THIS PROJECT BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION ON IT. WE ARE UNCERTAIN IF NEW GOVERNMENT WILL PROCEED WITH PROJECT.

7. EMBASSY ABLE TO OBTAIN LAST 3 COPIES OF BID SPECS AVAILABLE. ONE RETAINED IN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SECTION. REMAINING TWO BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY EMBOFF STEVE KING WHO IS ATTENDING CONFERENCE AND STAYING AT CAPITOL HILTON HOTEL WEEK OF APRIL 17. MR. KING HAS NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF JOHN HARDISTY AND STEVE CONGER, OF USDOC, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THEM FOR PICK-UP OF BID SPECS.
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